

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Finance Committee  
Wednesday, October 20, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Time – 7:00 P.M.

Members in attendance: Chairman Joanne F. Marden, Mary O'Donoghue, S. Jon Stumpf, Cindy Milne, Richard T. Howe, Paul Fortier, and Peggy Kruse.

Also present: Finance Director Anthony Torrisi, Town Manager Reginald S. Stapczynski, Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi, Andover Soccer Association President Don Borenstein, ASA Vice President Carl Grygiel and Wayne Loosigian, owner of 3 Blanchard Street parcel.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of September 29, 2010 were moved and seconded for approval. The motion passed unanimously with corrections 7-0.

**WARRANT ARTICLE: PURCHASE OF 3 BLANCHARD STREET**

Copies of a site plan titled “Blanchard Street Athletic Fields Master Plan Option C” were distributed by Mr. Grygiel. Three main improvements to the original plan were cited as reasons for resubmitting this article including: additional parking spaces, larger playing space and safer access. Mr. Grygiel informed committee members that the Andover Soccer Association would donate \$50,000 of its own money to the project. Mr. Piantedosi added that to further reduce costs the project would be constructed in phases.

When asked for a percentage number to be allocated toward contingencies Mr. Piantedosi responded that number varies but that he was comfortable with this site. Committee members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Loosigian for reducing the cost of his parcel to \$295,000. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to postpone voting on this article until the next Finance Committee meeting.

**TOWN YARD UPDATE**

Ms. Kruse reported that the Town Yard Task Force was in the process of looking at another 70,000 square foot site and that the process of reviewing properties remains a work in progress.

**BANCROFT SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

Mr. Piantedosi distributed copies of a letter from Daigle Engineer, Inc. dated October 15, 2010 regarding their review of a report titled “General Structural Condition Report”. Mr.

Piantedosi stated the letter addressed the company's concerns with keeping the Bancroft School open due to structural integrity issues during earthquake or major storm events.

Committee members asked Mr. Piantedosi for off-site cost information. He responded that he would provide more details at a later date. Chairman Marden stressed the importance of going to the Special Town Meeting with a comprehensive plan including the total cost of the project with final numbers. All agreed.

There was a discussion on the issue of storage space denied for reimbursement by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Piantedosi explained the need for "mechanical penthouses" noting that they would not only afford protection for roof units in bad weather but also promote improved maintenance scheduling. He added that without this protection, more expensive units were now necessary. Mr. Piantedosi assured the Committee that he would continue to bring this issue before the MSBA.

Chairman Marden distributed copies titled "Impact of \$1Million Debt Exclusion on Average Residential Tax Bill". Discussion followed.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ISSUES**

Mr. Torrisi distributed copies of historical trends for "General Fund Debt", Water & Sewer Debt and Capital Projects Fund". After a lengthy discussion agreement was reached that 1.5% would be a good starting figure for projection of CIP costs.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Finance Committee  
Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
7:00 P.M.

Finance Committee  
Wednesday, December 1, 2010  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Selectmen's Conference Room  
7:00 P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Carolyn Lynch*  
Recording Secretary